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DR. HERLIHY TO SERVE ON BOSTON SURVEY

GREAT NIGHT FOR IRISH

HIGH SCHOOL DAY OBSERVED MONDAY

Did you hear all the buzzing that was going around a few days ago? Yes, everyone was anxious to make March 13th, better known as **High School Day**, the big success that it was. A full-day program was arranged by Miss Cunningham and Gladys Lavin to acquaint the future F.T.C. students with our school and its various activities.

A trip through the classes, a fine musical Assembly by the Glee Club, lunch in the dining room at Palmer Hall, the inauguration of the W.A.A. officers, the visit to the training schools, and a tea by the Alumni in the library were but a few of the highlights of the day's program.

After seeing our school and the many good times that we have here, many of the girls left with the determination to be with us in the fall.

GLEE CLUB SCORES

Miss Curry has done it again—added another hit to her long line of Glee Club productions. Her latest triumph will long be remembered—both by the performers, who had a grand time doing it, and by the audience, who certainly enjoyed it all.

The clever script was from the pen of Doris Porter who also acted as announcer.

Gloria Wolfson designed and directed the dances and Harriet Miller was in charge of costumes. Didn't they do an excellent piece of work? It will be many a moon before we forget the cavorting of the voluminously clad bathing beauties, the swaying Hula girls, and the darling wedding of the dolls.

And what an array of songs!

Seniors' To Stage St. Patrick's Dance

The Seniors are expecting you to come at eight o'clock tonight to their St. Patrick's formal with your man (if you can find one in this non-male vicinity) or come early and take your choice of a cadet or a soldier from Fort Devens.

Perhaps you can cast a spell over him while dancing to Marty Lester's arrangements, or maybe you'll have more success at the Wishing Well or the Blarney Stone, or while stopping at the Towns of Ireland. But have no fear. The atmosphere will be definitely in your favor as Gladys Lavin, Chairman, and Mary Ardante, Helen Haley, Marie Boulay, and Marilyn MacLean have done wonders in disguising the library.

You have all received your invitation from Joanne Eastman and her committee consisting of Anna Covle and Gloria Boscardin.

The unique publicity under the direction of Trudy Mulcahy, assisted by Harriet Miller, Joanne Eastman, Helen Haley, and Gloria Boscardin, is but one indication of the fun in store for you.

As a final persuasion, if you need any, Harriet Miller and Mary Kelly have some delicious refreshments prepared for us.

See you there — and early!

The soloists were especially good — Ruth Hansen, Kay Bailey, Mary Lou Doherty, Laura Whitney, Margie Gilmore, and Margaret Mary Mullahy.

Miss Curry and the Glee Club certainly deserve a vote of thanks for a fine job. May they continue to add zest to our college life with more of these four star performances!

Second Honorable Position Held By President

Dr. Herlihy has been invited to participate with twenty other distinguished educational administrators in conducting a survey of the Boston School System. During his two months' leave of absence, Mr. Randall will serve as acting president.

The survey is under the direction of Dr. George Strayer who has done similar work in almost every large city in the country and has recently completed a comprehensive survey in New York City.

The purpose of this study is to determine and ameliorate the problems of financing, district organization, buildings, curricula, and professional problems within the given school system. Dr. Herlihy's particular contributions will be in the field of Professional Problems... which will include such factors as the recruiting of teachers, method of appointment and promotion and supervision and guidance in vocational and industrial arts.

This is the second outstanding honor which has been awarded to Dr. Herlihy within recent months.

In response to the invitation of the Peabody Journal of Education, he contributed to an article which appeared in their January issue, entitled, "The Teachers College Presidents Look at 1944."

Seventeen Teachers College presidents, among whom is Dr. Herlihy, responded to the invitation to write their out-look for education in 1944. The seventeen educators representing seventeen states all assume that after the War, the "teachers college will again be the main anchor of American public education, turning its vision and its effort to the welfare of American children".

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Editorial . . .

The sight of former T.C. men returning to campus in their crisp, meticulous uniforms is like a phantom of the past to those of us who remember college days when there was no need for a service flag in the lobby. Days when war was considered foolish under any circumstances and college students "batted the breeze" between swallows of goldfish about the horrible mistakes of 1914 and never dreamed that they too would soon find it necessary to resort to the same grim measures. Our visiting service men bring back many memories. Somehow we can't get the nostalgic feeling out of our bones when we think about former Tuesday night dances with fun for all... male opinions in class discussions... the traditional upperclass rushing of Freshmen girls... coveted bids to the Gav-Hawk... the school band bleating forth at the basketball games... the Palmer Hall Quartet ending a perfect evening with a series of rhythmical rounds... the Dramatic and Glee clubs with that extra added zest which comes with male performers... Yes, "on and on the thread of memory weaves to the tender scenes of long ago."

If the sight of our former classmates and pals in uniform causes our reminiscing faculties to work overtime, it is most logical to assume that it has a similar effect on the fellows who are returning for perhaps a last glimpse of the life they've left behind them. Yet, that which they have left is still available to us in a somewhat modified form. For, while we are still here in college striving to keep alive its traditions and ideals, our three hundred men in service "with courage strong and hearts of song, are actually carrying on its ideal. We'll never know just how much they're sacrificing. And if we continue in our present mood of utter com-

The Ash Tray

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE

(from an old quotation)

"When I was your age
 There were no jitterbugs,
 We always danced the "Bunnyhug"
 I didn't wear zoot suits, drape-shaped and the like,
 I had no jalopy, just an old bike.
 When I was your age
 I did none of this stuff.
 I never "got broke", and put things "on the cuff"
 There were no movies, juke boxes or radios,
 We saw melodramas and silent shows,
 When I was your age
 I worked hard at all times.
 I saved my pennies, nickels and dimes.
 I spent evening at home around the piano
 Singing bass to your mother's soprano.
 When I was your age
 I had a great deal of fun,
 But I was never as wild as you, my son
 I listened to my father, the dear old sage,
 Tell of his behavior when he was my age."

D. M. P.

Editorial (continued)

placency, they'll never know how proud we are each time we pass the service flag in the lobby.

For, it is indeed a disgrace to our student body that some sort of campus memorial has not been erected in honor of the four fine, T.C. men who have given their lives for their country; namely, Ensign Joe Cutler, Pvt. Ray Harris, A. C. Dick Kiley and Lt. (j. G.) Chester Guernsey; to Lt. L. Fred Schultz who has been missing in action since last August and to Ensign Bob Patch, Lt. Bud Powers, and Lt. Tony Tasca who have been seriously wounded in foreign combat.

Plans should be underway as soon as possible through the joint efforts of the Student Cooperative Association and the Alumni Association for inscription of the names of these our first war heroes in some prominent and permanent place.

Our Service Flag should be our primary medium of award. Gold, silver and red service stars might signify those dying, missing and wounded respectively. Even this differentiation of the flag is too impersonal a tribute to be enough. For it is imperative that we honor these boys as individuals, if we are truly to honor them at all. Therefore, we suggest that a huge decorative gilt-edged open book be placed on a table directly below the service flag wherein all may read the names of F.T.C.'s gallant war heroes. If they can make this supreme sacrifice for the preservation of the ideals of free men, it is our task to preserve the memory of these free men who sacrificed themselves for their ideals!



THE GREMLINS DID IT

Blocked Mr. Harrington's hat.

Put that hill in the library floor to thwart would-be jitterbugs.

Put sound mufflers on Miss Hassel's feet.

Put a marble slab under the cushions of a certain couch in the Day Girl's room.

Put that streamlined faucet on the bubbler.

Got us men for the Spring Social.

Put that "pebble" in the lobby for people to trip over.

Rumors confirmed or denied—the cadets will say farewell to T. C. on August 1. Escorts for the March 17 ball will be provided by Fort Devens. Is it true that occupational therapists will take over Palmer Hall this summer?

Still doing it—sighing over Frankie while peeling tangerines in the girl's day room, talking about Lydia the alumnus sensation, discussing pro's and con's on the new smoking room, counting calories in Hygiene classes, discussing the latest thriller-diller "The Lodger", humming "Mairsie Doats", and listening to Red Skelton.

New faces seen about the corridors are Frances Gaudet, returning veteran, and Dick Smith, blonde Portia College grad.

Another formal coming up tonight, and the stag line seems to be increasing. Perhaps Sally, and Marcia will get a cheery "Hello" this time, instead of "Ugh, Ugh."

An Associated Press Feature story recently told of "Enis's" famous dancing classes in Norfolk, Va. Enis may be famous but she's definitely "off the ball" if she hasn't enlisted the services of T.C.'s own Arthur Murray Flathers who is now stationed in Norfolk..

His many and varied experiences with all types and ages at Dolly McDaid's should render him a real asset to Enis and her co-Madame LaZongas.

SAXIFRAGE UNDER THE FLAG

'44 Has Two War Losses

Both the students and the faculty members of F.T.C. mourn the sudden death of 1st Lieutenant Chester Gurney, a dive bomber pilot in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Although he was killed at El Toro, Santa Ana, California, on November 25th, 1943, the news of his fatal accident was not known here at the college until very recently. The present Senior Class was sorry to see "Chet" leave at the end of his sophomore year because he was a dependable and prominent participant in all campus activities. He enlisted the day after he left school, May 11th, 1942. On May 10th, 1943, he was commissioned a second lieutenant at Pensacola, Florida, and since then was given the promotion of 1st lieutenant.

In Chester's last letter to his parents, he expressed the wish that he'd like to go back to F.T.C. when the war ended. At the senior commencement exercises next June, Chester's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester R. Gurney, will be awarded his degree.

FORMER INSTRUCTOR TO BE WED

The engagement of Miss Eva Searles, dietitian at Yale University, and Mr. Charles Foth, substitute instructor at our College for two years, has been announced. Mr. Foth, who taught English and history while Lieut. (j g.) Conlon, was on a leave of absence, is now a permanent instructor at the Hyannis State Teachers College. Miss Searles was dietitian at Hyannis before she accepted a similar position at Yale. Plans for the wedding are made for the early summer.

Frank Bishop, class of '41, has been made a Lieutenant, senior grade. He is in the Navy and his address is: Armed Guard Center, San Francisco, California.

Circulation Department Receives 155 Addresses

The campaign to receive servicemen's addresses mentioned in our last issue is coming along quite well. We have received one-hundred and fifty-five addresses from the postcards we sent out during February vacation and more are still coming in.

It is interesting to note that 32 states are represented by these addresses, besides the many places where the boys are stationed overseas. We have 48 overseas addresses. Here in our country the state that will be receiving the most "Sticks" will be our own Massachusetts receiving 13. New York follows next with 9 F.T.C. graduates. Then comes California with 8 and Florida with 7. The rest of the states have only one or two of our alumni.

Also interesting is the fact that some of our alumni are stationed in the same city. Now take San Diego, California. That seems to be the meeting place of quite a few of our graduates.

Stationed there are: Donald E. Buxton Phm. 3/c; 2nd Lt. Melvin Sebulkin; Bernard Collins Jr. c/Ic; Ensign Theodore Cote and Lt. Blair MacLean. "The Windy City" claims three of our alumni Walter Harrod S. T. 2/c, Midshipman John Magane, and Midshipman Gardner Sherman. If these alumni haven't already met each other they may by reading the "Stick". Bringing alumni together is only one good feature of the "Stick". So keep the addresses coming, so that our servicemen can enjoy our paper.

The marriage of Miss Gladys Smith of Maspeth, New York and Master-Sergeant Bradley W. Leonard, of the class of '38, has been announced. The marriage was solemnized on January 24 in the Trinity Evangelical Church of Maspeth.

Master Sergeant Leonard, whose home is in Fitchburg, was a liberal and valuable contributor to the literary aspect of the Stick through his entire college career.

Muscle Muster

Fitchburg Victorious in Tilt with Worcester Teachers College

Our girl's basketball team sure did come through with flying colors down at W.T.C. March 3rd. The scores: Fitchburg Upperclassmen 33, Worcester Upperclassmen 14; Fitchburg Freshmen 46, Worcester Freshman 16.

Mill Berlo led the upperclassmen to victory with the total of 14 points. Lou Currie was close behind with 12 points. High scorer for Worcester was Ruth Tucker with 6 points.

Kay Morrilly led the freshman squad with a grand total of 20 points, while Mary Gagnon led the Worcester team with 8 points.

Despite the one sided score, the game was really a good one. Plenty of action, and some fine playing on both sides. Miss Bolger and Miss Stafford were having a grand time "comparing" teams, for it wasn't so long ago that Miss Stafford was right here at TC as Miss Bolger's Assistant. Miss Dean was on hand also, as was Flight Lieutenant John Sobol, an FTC graduate.

The girls had a grand time and met a group of swell girls. The W.A.A. is planning to invite Worcester down here in a return competition real soon, so keep posted on news, WAA members!

THE LINE-UPS

FTC	Upperclassmen	WTC
Currie c	Spear cf	
Berlo lf	Tucker lf	
Farnsworth lf	Logan rf	
March rf	Scott rf	
Lavin rf	Abram cg	
Doherty cg	Smith cg	
Bartlett lg	Wetherbee rf	
Drury rg	Foley lg	
	Connors lg	
FTC	Freshmen	WST
Morrilly cf	Gagnon cf	
Peck lf	Kuleszo lf	
Rothman lf	Gagnon rf	
Bourgeois rf	Maloney rf	
Kolapakka cg	Nichols cg	
Bourgault lg	Perry cg	
Harrington rg	Johnson lg	
Piermarini rg	McKeon lg	
	O'Neil rg	
	McCarthy rg	

The WAA has been assigned April 11th on which to sponsor the assembly. Arrangements have been made by Miss Bolger and the WAA Board to have two films. One will be on swimming and the other on tennis. Maybe after seeing the tennis films, we'll have same enthusiasts who MIGHT (?) volunteer to do a job on our courts (we hope).

ABOUT MUSIC

Suggestion to music lovers:

How about starting a "music hour" by setting aside an hour a week and "pooling" our records? We could have some good concerts this way, if you're interested. More will be said about this later. But, keep it in mind, won't you?

If music were painting then "Clair de Lune" would be a Renoir

"The Rite of Spring" would be a Picasso

"The Storm and Shipwreck" ("Sheherazade") would be a Winslow Homer

"Nocturne in E Flat" would be a Whistler

"Poeme" would be a Raphael

If poetry were music, then

"Fog" would be by Debussy

"The Congo" would be by Stravinsky

"Annabel Lee" would be by Tchaikowsky

"A Lady would be by Mozart

SENIORS ENGAGE IN NEW ENTERPRISES

Related remedial reading work in the Edgerly School is being done by the Senior Psychology of Reading Deficiencies Class.

Screening examinations under Selective Service has added emphasis to the purposes of the many reading clinics which have been inaugurated in elementary, secondary and collegiate education. Its discovery of the many thousands of "functional illiterates" (those whose reading efficiency is not up to 4th grade normal achievement) encourages educators in their constant attempts to insure increasing reading achievement throughout life. Here at F.T.C. our undergraduates, and, from time to time, our graduate students, include, as a very necessary foundation to their professional teacher-training, an understanding of the many problems in this field. Since efficient reading is basic to all levels of school achievement, our men and women graduates will continue their inquiries and studies in order to promote the cause of modern education.

The Music Center was established at Edgerly School for the children in our two elementary schools to provide for the individual differences in learning to sing and to read music beyond a regular music period class.

CLUBDUBBING

ART CLUB

The members of the Art Club met on the evening of March 6 at which time they worked on bracelets, rings and crayon drawings and discussed plans for the future. A well known speaker will be presented at the coming assembly program sponsored by the Art Club.

GLEE CLUB

Following the entertaining assembly program on March 14, the Special Chorus presented a program for the local chapter of the Eastern Star.

STUDENT FORUM

An invitation has been received by the Student Forum from the Worcester State Teachers College to participate in a debate to be held March 30. The subject will be the International Collegiate question.

A series of intercultural programs to promote understanding of the other nations of the world is being prepared for ready presentation. The topic material is based upon Joseph Auslander's "Open Letters to the Unconquerables" which have recently appeared in the Saturday Evening Post. The programs will include the reading of suitable poetry and interviews with local citizens who will represent the honored nations of Poland, Holland, Greece, Norway and Czechoslovakia.

DRAMATIC CLUB

Twenty-four of the Dramatic Club's twenty-five members will travel to Boston on Friday, March 24 to attend the performance of Arsenic and Old Lace at the Colonial Theatre with Bela Lugosi in the leading role.

Dr. and Mrs. Herlihy, guests of the Club, and Miss Nixon, sponsor, will accompany the students.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

On Tues., March 21, Miss Nina Spaulding, famed violinist, will entertain us at our ten o'clock assembly. Miss Spaulding has played before many audiences and certainly will be appreciated by the students of F.T.C.